

Appl. No.: 10/715,094
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant appreciates the thorough examination of the present application, as evidenced by the first Official Action. The first Official Action objects to the specification as including a blank on page 12. In response thereto, Applicant has amended page 12 to replace the blank with the serial number of the patent application referenced therein. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the objection to the specification is overcome.

The first Official Action also rejects all of the pending claims, namely Claims 1-41, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,369,840 to Barnett et al. As explained below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is patentably distinct from Barnett. Nonetheless, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 13, 25 and 36 to further clarify the claimed invention by reciting that the event reminder or alert is communicated to a digital media capture device adapted to capture media from a location of the event. Also, Applicant has amended 2, 14-22 and 26-28 consistent with the amendment to Claims 1, 13, 25 and 36, and has added new dependent Claims 42-45 to recite a further patentable feature of the claimed invention. In view of the amendments to the claims, the newly added claims, and the remarks presented herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the pending claims of the present application.

Briefly, Barnett discloses a system and method for generating and displaying a calendar including user-selected events from user-selected categories. As disclosed, a user can select categories of interest to the user from a plurality of provided event categories, and then select individual events within those categories. The selected events can then be overlaid on a calendar unique to the user, or a calendar shared among a number of selected users. Also, online purchasing and related actions can be associated with each event. In a disclosed example, calendared events can be associated with the release of books or music, and include links to associated e-commerce pages to facilitate on-line sales of such books or music. In another example, calendared events can correspond to birthdays or anniversaries so as to provide the user with the opportunity to purchase cards and/or gifts.

Aspects of the present invention provide an application, digital device and method for communicating event reminders to a digital device. As recited by amended independent Claim

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1, for example, the application includes a computer readable storage medium having computer-readable program instructions embodied in the medium. The computer-readable program instructions, in turn, include first and second instructions. The first instructions are provided for generating a calendar view that represents time in calendar format, and for associating events with respective periods of time. The second instructions, then, are provided for generating an event reminder that is displayed in the calendar view, and for providing communication of the event reminder to the digital device prior to the event. Further, as amended, the digital device to which the second instructions provide communication of the event reminder comprises a media capture device adapted to capture media from a location of the event.

In contrast to amended independent Claim 1, Barnett does not teach or suggest providing communication of an event reminder to a media capture device adapted to capture media from a location of the event. In this regard, as disclosed in the specification of the present application, in accordance with exemplary embodiments of the present invention, a digital media capture device such as a camera, video recorder and/or audio recorder can be notified that an event is about to occur that warrants media capture. Exemplary embodiments of the present invention therefore reduce the likelihood that a media capture event occurs without being captured in media by the media capture device. On the other hand, nowhere does Barnett teach or suggest communicating an event reminder or alert to a media capture device adapted to capture media. Barnett does suggest providing a reminder of a music or book release, or of a birthday or anniversary, to facilitate on-line sales of such music or book, or of cards and/or gifts marking the occasion of the birthday or anniversary. Barnett does not disclose, however, providing a reminder to any device that could reasonably be interpreted to correspond to a media capture device adapted to capture media. More particularly, Barnett does not disclose providing a reminder to any device adapted to capture media from a location of the event.

Applicant therefore respectfully submits that amended independent Claim 1, and by dependency Claims 2-12 and 42, is patentably distinct from Barnett. Applicant also respectfully submits that amended independent Claims 13, 25 and 36 recite subject matter similar to that of amended independent Claim 1, including providing communication of an event reminder to a digital media capture device adapted to capture media from a location of the event. Applicant

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therefore respectfully submits that amended independent Claims 13, 25 and 36, and by dependency Claims 14-24, 26-35, 37-41 and 43-45, are also patentably distinct from Barnett for at least the same reasons given above with respect to amended independent Claim 1. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 1-41 as being anticipated by Barnett is overcome.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments to the claims, the newly added claims, and the remarks presented above, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. As such, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. In order to expedite the examination of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney in order to resolve any remaining issues.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,




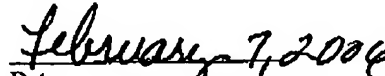
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